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The Schedule of Proposed Actions inside these pages cover environmental analyses in progress on the Umpqua National Forest. This publication is our way of keeping you informed and involved in our plans and progress. We focus these activities on protecting, conserving, using, and restoring forest ecosystems. Each activity lists a contact person if you want additional information or to share ideas.

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Sincerely,

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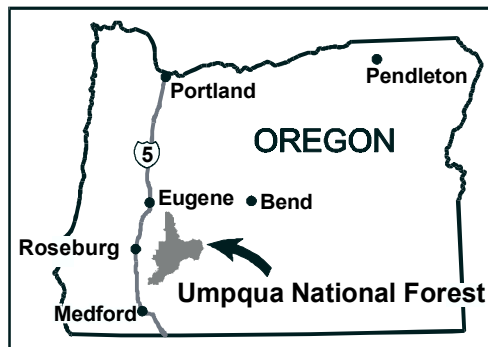
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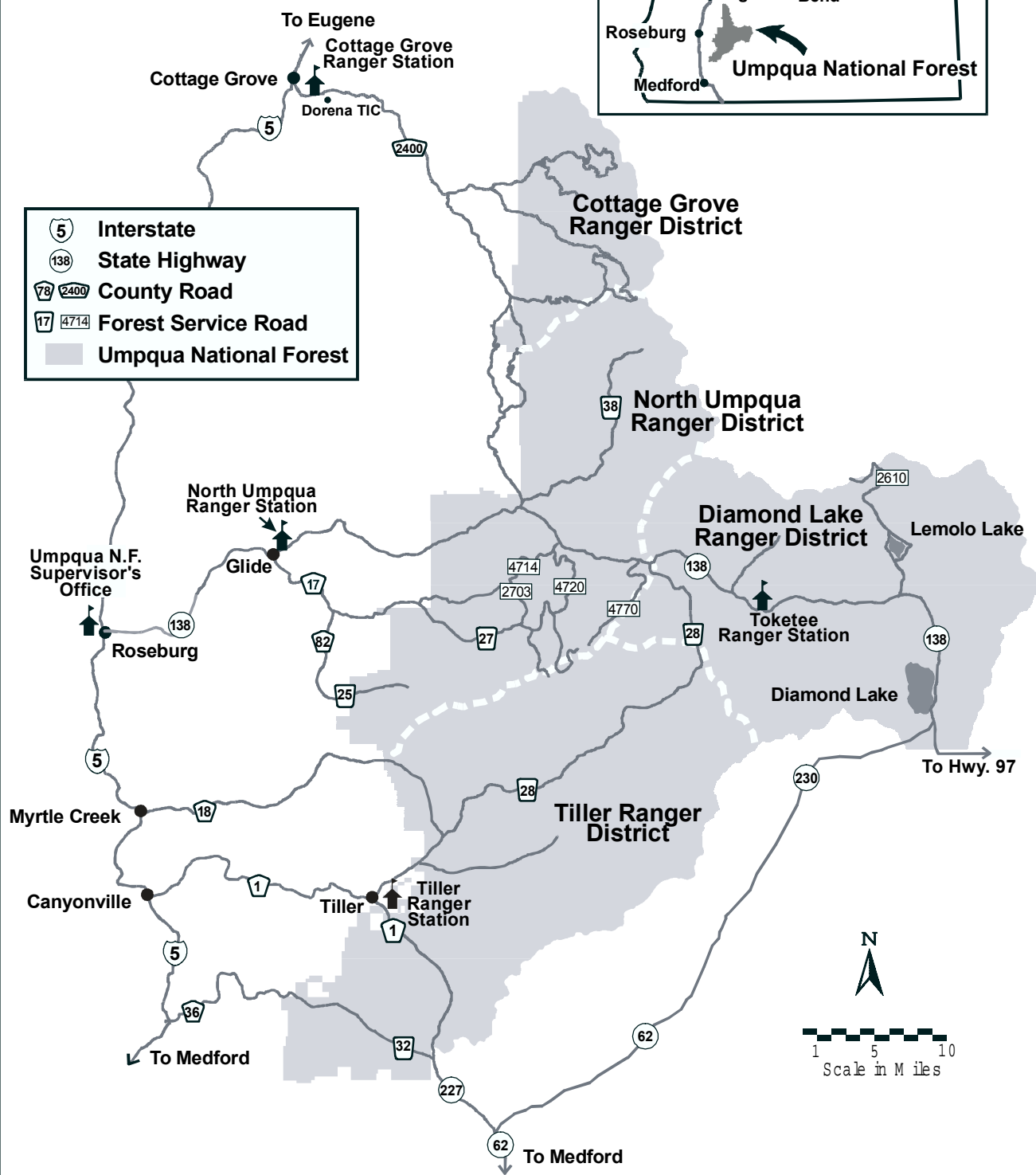
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Umpqua National Forest



-  **Interstate**
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RELEASE OF NAMES – FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT

Please Note: The Office of General Council in the Department of Agriculture determined that the names and addresses of persons who respond to solicitations for comments for Forest Service projects are subject to the Freedom of Information Act and subject to public review. Comments received in response to the actions in this publication, including names and addresses of those who comment, will be considered part of the public record on the proposed action and will be available for public inspection. Comments received anonymously will be accepted and considered; however, those who submit anonymous comments will not

have standing to appeal the subsequent decision under 36 CFR part 215. Additionally, pursuant to 7 CFR 1.27(d), any person may request the agency to withhold a submission from the public record by showing how the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) permits such confidentiality. Persons requesting such confidentiality should be aware that, under FOIA, confidentiality may be granted only in very limited circumstances, such as to protect trade secrets. The Forest Service will inform the requester of the agency's decision regarding the request for confidentiality, and where the request is denied, the agency will return the submission and notify the requester that the comments may be resubmitted with or without name and address within 15 days.

SUPERVISOR'S OFFICE

Projects with Decision on Hold

Integrated Noxious Weed Management

Proposal: This Environmental Assessment defines the Integrated Weed Management Strategy for the Forest, including prevention of new infestations, identification of high priority weed infestation areas on the Forest, and recommendations of possible treatments of existing sites.

Location: Forest-wide

Public Input: Scoping began in October of 1995.

Status: The 30-day comment period has been completed.

Projected Decision Date: This decision is on hold pending a proposal to address noxious weeds with a Regional EIS.

Contact Person: Richard Helliwell

Forest Plan Amendment – Minerals Standards and Guidelines

Proposal: Amends Northwest Forest Plan Minerals Management-1 Standard and Guideline for the Umpqua National Forest. MM-1 requires a Plan of Operation for any activity within a Riparian Reserve. This Standard and Guideline conflicts with the Code of Federal Regulations. Under the Code of Federal Regulations, District Rangers have the authority to determine whether a Plan of Operation is necessary for activities within Riparian Reserves. The amendment would put the Umpqua National Forest in compliance with the Code of Federal Regulations.

Location: Forest-wide

Public Input: Scoping began in January of 1998.

Status: Input is still being accepted on this project.

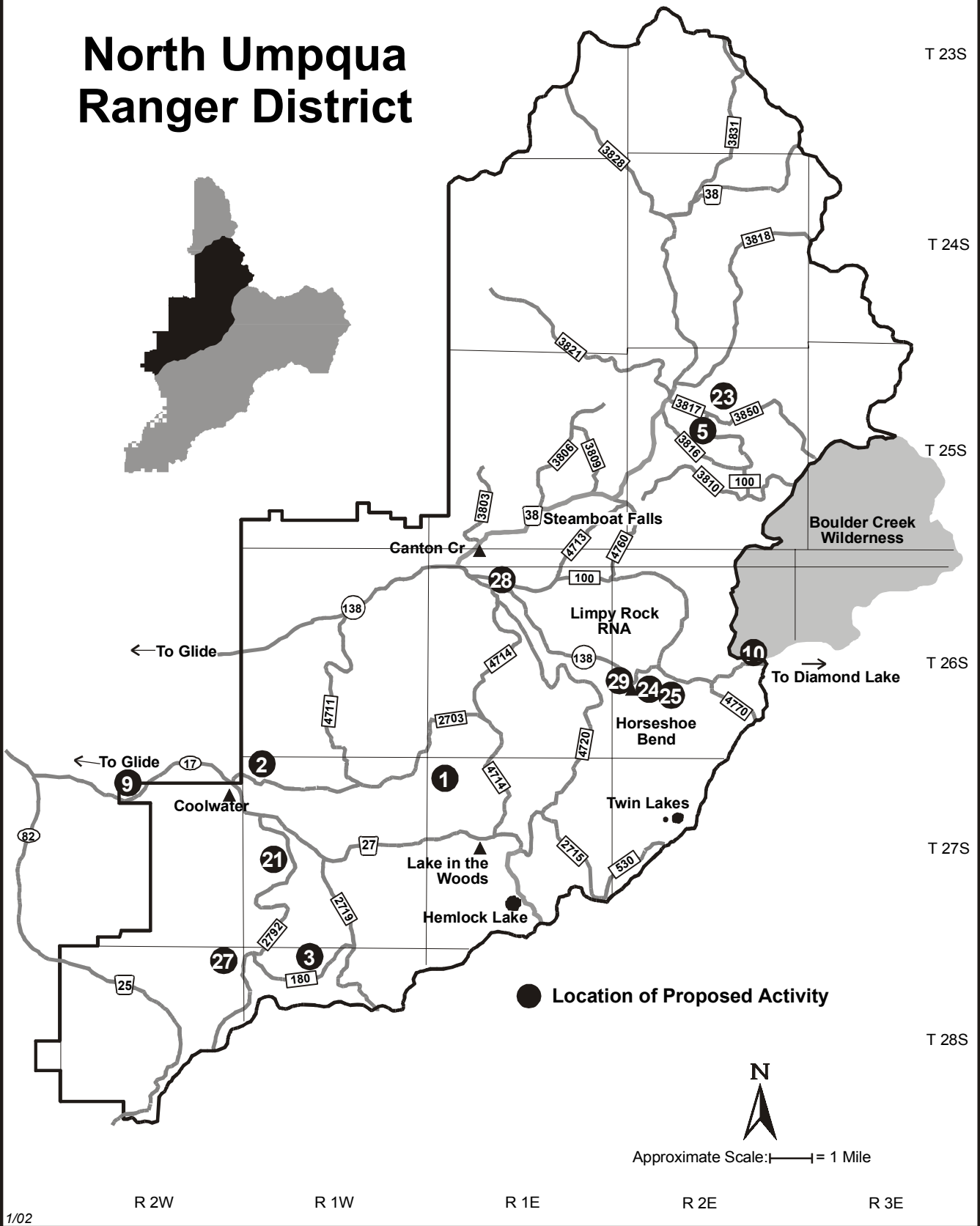
Projected Decision Date: This decision is on hold pending input from the Regional Office.

Contact Person: Jake O'Dowd

Projects with Decision Made During the Previous Quarter

None at this time.

North Umpqua Ranger District



NORTH UMPQUA RANGER DISTRICT

Timber Stand Management Projects

1 PJ Timber Sale and Project Area

Proposal: This project would implement recommendations from the Little River Watershed Analysis. Specifically, this project proposes thinning in stands prone to fire; enhancing stand growth by thinning in order to increase resiliency from snowdown and blowdown; retaining late seral characteristics in older stands by using uneven aged management; and improving water quality through road restoration and decommissioning. The proposal includes the following activities:

- Uneven-aged management of 400 acres of late seral forest. This action includes proportional thinning, thinning from below, and limits the harvest of the largest tree size classes.
- Thin and treat fuel accumulations on approximately 95 acres of previously unmanaged forest.
- Place large wood in the lower stretches of Pinnacle Creek and Junction Creek.
- Place large wood in the riparian areas of previously managed stands.
- Decommission approximately 8 miles of existing road.
- Stormproof the haul routes within and outside of the project area.

Location: The Little River Adaptive Management Area, specifically in the Pinnacle and Junction Creek subdrainages, T27S, R01E.

Public Input: Scoping began with the mailing of the July 1998 Schedule of Proposed Actions. Input is still being accepted on this project.

Status: Analysis is proceeding and surveys are underway. Awaiting Biological Opinions.

Projected Decision Date: The Environmental Assessment will be available for public comment following completion of surveys in FY 2002.

Contact Person: Barbara Fontaine/Debbie Anderson

2 Mjollnir Timber Sale and Project Area

Proposal: This project would implement recommendations from the Little River Watershed Analysis. Specifically, this project proposes thinning in stands prone to fire; enhancing young stands by thinning and pruning in order to promote tree growth and wood quality; and conducting watershed restoration activities such as road restoration and decommissioning, instream wood placement, and noxious weed control in order to improve watershed conditions. The proposal includes the following activities:

- Uneven-aged management of approximately 235 acres of late seral forest. This action includes proportional thinning, thinning from below, and limits the harvest of the largest tree size classes.
- Thin and treat fuel accumulations on approximately 350 acres of previously unmanaged forest.
- Decommission and close 6.2 miles of existing road, and stormproof and close 6.0 miles of existing road.
- Stormproof the haul routes within and outside of the project area.
- Place large wood in ½ mile of Emile Creek and adjacent riparian plantations.

Location: The Little River Adaptive Management Area, specifically in the Lower Emile, Taft Creek, Little Taft Creek subdrainages, T26S, R02W.

Public Input: Scoping began with the mailing of the October 1997 Schedule of Proposed Actions. Input is still being accepted on project.

Status: Analysis is proceeding; project was submitted for consultation. Awaiting Biological Opinions.

Projected Decision Date: The Environmental Assessment will be available for public comment following completion of surveys in FY 2002.

Contact Person: Barbara Fontaine

3 Exodus Timber Sale and Project Area

Proposal: This project would implement recommendations from the Little River Watershed Analysis. Specifically, this project proposes to: retain late-seral characteristics in older stands by using uneven-aged management; maintain at risk late-seral habitat by partially harvesting fire prone areas; accelerate development of late seral habitat by thinning in second growth stands; and restore natural processes and features including reintroducing fire into the ecosystem, promoting pine

health and general forest health, maintaining and enhancing unique habitats, and maintaining late successional refugia and riparian connectivity. The proposal also includes conducting watershed restoration activities such as road improvement and decommissioning, instream wood placement, and noxious weed control in order to improve watershed conditions.

The proposal includes the following activities:

- Uneven-aged management on approximately 1,019 acres of late-seral forest. This action includes proportional thinning and thinning from below, and also limits the harvest of the largest tree size classes.
- Even-aged management on approximately 42 acres of late-seral forest.
- Thinning on approximately 241 acres of mid seral forest.
- Treating fuel accumulations and/or logging slash.
- Underburning on approximately 135 acres to reduce hazardous fuels.
- Decommissioning and closure of approximately 11.5 miles of existing road.
- Stormproofing the haul routes within and outside of the project area.
- Placing large wood both instream and within riparian areas of Upper Black Creek and/or Dutch Creek.

Location: This proposal is in the Little River Adaptive Management Area, specifically in the Upper Black Creek and Dutch Creek subdrainages, T27S, R01W.

Public Input: The scoping period began with the mailing of the October 1999 Schedule of Proposed Actions. The Notice of Intent was published on August 20, 2001 in the Federal Register. A public meeting was held at the Douglas County Library on October 24, 2001.

Status: Issues and Alternatives are being developed.

Projected Decision Date: September 2002 – Record of Decision.

Contact Person: Debbie Anderson

5 Tomatillo Timber Sale and Project Area

Proposal: This project would implement recommendations from the Lower Steamboat Watershed Analysis.

Specifically, this project proposes thinning in order to restore late successional refugia and accelerate the development of second growth stands via commercial thinning. The project would also analyze road restoration and decommissioning activities that are likely to occur when future funding becomes available. The proposal includes the following activities:

- Commercially thin approximately 250 acres of second growth stands (outside of riparian reserves) that were previously harvested. This action includes proportional thinning, thinning from below, and limits the harvest of the largest tree size classes. The thinning prescription follows Late Successional Reserve Assessment guidelines.
- Treat fuel accumulations that occur as a result of the thinning activities.
- Build and/or reconstruct approximately 1 mile of temporary spur road that would be decommissioned after use.
- Analyze the effects of decommissioning parts of Road 3816 (decommissioning would occur when funding is available).
- Stormproof portions of the haul routes.

Location: The Steamboat watershed, specifically in the Reynolds Creek subdrainage, T25S, R02E. The management direction for this area is Late Successional Reserve with overlapping direction of Key Watershed.

Public Input: Scoping began with the mailing of the July 2000 Schedule of Proposed Actions.

Status: The 30-day public comment period closed on December 12, 2001. Responses to comments are being prepared.

Projected Decision Date: January 2002 – Decision Notice.

Contact Person: Debbie Anderson

Mining Projects

None at this time.

Facilities – Repair and Development

10 Vault Toilet Replacements

Proposal: The proposal is to replace old (and leaky) 12A vault toilets with CXT concrete vault toilets at the Steamboat Falls Campground. The work would be completed using heavy equipment. An additional area approximately 6 by 6 feet would be disturbed around each toilet during installation. A Decision Memo was signed on March 22, 2001 and April 26, 2001 for 5 other toilets.

Location: Steamboat Falls Campground.

Public Input: The scoping period began with the mailing of the July 2000 Schedule of Proposed Actions.

Status: The Decision Memo will be signed following completion of archaeological surveys at Steamboat Falls.

Projected Decision Date: Spring of 2002 – Decision Memo.

Contact Person: Debbie Anderson

24 Horseshoe Bend Campground Water System and Campsite Modifications

Proposal: This project would replace deteriorated water distribution lines and water hydrants to meet accessibility standards, and modify seven campsites to provide access. The existing black plastic pipe water distribution lines would be replaced throughout the campground. Existing hydrants would be replaced with larger hydrants with wheelchair access. This would require movement or elimination of some hydrants. Beaver Flat and Deer Flat flush toilet buildings including the paved pathways, would be modified to meet accessibility standards. Three campsites on Beaver Flat, three campsites on Deer Flat, one campsite on Otter Flat, three wastewater sumps, and one fee station would be modified to meet accessibility standards. Up to ten trees 20 to 30 inches in diameter may require removal; however, tree removal would be avoided where possible.

Location: Horseshoe Bend Campground. T26S, R2E, Sec. 19.

Public Input: The scoping period began with the mailing of the July 2001 Schedule of Proposed Actions.

Status: Biological Evaluations are being completed.

Projected Decision Date: March 2002 – Decision Memo.

Contact Person: Dick Henbest

25 Deception Creek Bridge Replacement

Proposal: This project would replace the bridge destroyed by a tree that blew over during the winter of 2000-2001. Specifically, this project proposes replacing two laminated trail bridge stringers, 60+ feet long, and other bridge materials damaged during the winter storm, and removing the damaged material. Materials would be moved to the site by the use of a heavy lift helicopter and damaged materials would be removed by the same helicopter. The downed tree would be moved to a location determined by the District Fisheries Biologist using the helicopter. Minor shrubs cutting may be required, but no other trees would be removed.

Location: Marsters section of the North Umpqua Trail at the Deception Creek crossing, T26S, R2E, Sec. 21.

Public Input: The scoping period began with the mailing of the July 2001 Schedule of Proposed Actions.

Status: Biological Evaluations are being completed.

Projected Decision Date: March 2002 – Decision Memo.

Contact Person: Dick Henbest

26 Fire Warehouse Improvements at North Umpqua Ranger District

Proposal: The proposal is to reconstruct and improve the existing warehouse at the North Umpqua Ranger District to accommodate firefighting vehicles, equipment, and staff. The existing building would be remodeled to accommodate current and future needs and would be reconstructed to ADA standards. The warehouse is an existing facility located at the North Umpqua Ranger Station.

Location: T26S, R3W Sec. 19.

Public Input: Scoping began with the mailing of the October 2001 Schedule of Proposed Actions.

Status: Scoping.

Projected Decision Date: March 2002 – Decision Memo.

Contact Person: Dick Kreger

27 Red Butte Gate

Proposal: The project would place a gate on Road 2701-190, restricting access to the top of Red Butte. The gate would help prevent further vandalism to communication facilities and the fire lookout located on the Red Butte summit. Minor brush cutting may be required, but no trees would be removed.

Location: Red Butte summit; T28S, R02W, Sec. 1.

Public Input: The scoping period began with the mailing of the October 2001 Schedule of Proposed Actions.

Status: Biological Evaluations are being conducted.

Projected Decision Date: March 2002 – Decision Memo.

Contact Person: Dick Henbest

28 Vault Toilet Replacement at Apple Creek Campground

Proposal: The proposal is to replace three old 12A vault toilets with one new CXT concrete vault toilet at Apple Creek Campground. The work would be completed using heavy equipment. The old vaults would be removed and the vault pumped and filled in on site. A new CXT concrete vault would be placed between the campground road and Hwy. 138.

Location: Apple Creek Campground, T26S, R1E, Sec. 14.

Public Input: The scoping period began with the mailing of the October 2001 Schedule of Proposed Actions.

Status: Biological Evaluations are being conducted.

Projected Decision Date: May 2002 – Decision Memo.

Contact Person: Wayne Brady

29 Horseshoe Bend Campground Road Improvement

Proposal: The proposal is to chip-seal the existing access road and campground loop roads to improve the existing road system. The existing road has begun to break down and potholes are forming where the chip-seal has separated. The work would be completed with heavy equipment.

Location: Horseshoe Bend Campground Access Road 4750-001. T26S, R2E, Sec. 19.

Public Input: The scoping period began with the mailing of the October 2001 Schedule of Proposed Actions.

Status: Biological Evaluations are being conducted.

Projected Decision Date: June 2002 – Decision Memo.

Contact Person: Dick Henbest

North Umpqua and Steamboat Creek Campground Improvements

Proposal: The proposal is to replace and/or enhance facilities at five heavily used campgrounds within the North Umpqua River and Steamboat Creek corridors. The project would improve the recreation facilities by repairing and replacing 30-year old, failing components of the campground infrastructure. Components of the project include replacing and repairing tables, vehicle barriers, tent pads, waste water collection basins, camping spurs, walking trails and walkways, garbage can pads, solar panels, diversion ditches and other miscellaneous structures within the campgrounds.

Location: Horseshoe Bend, Apple Creek, Island, Steamboat Falls, and Boulder Flat Campgrounds.

Public Input: The scoping period began with the mailing of the October 2001 Schedule of Proposed Actions.

Status: Biological Evaluations are being conducted.

Projected Decision Date: June 2002 – Decision Memo.

Contact Person: Jerry Harryman

Special Use Permits

None at this time.

Watershed Restoration and Improvement Projects

Pre-Commercial Thinnings

Proposal: The purpose of these projects are to reduce tree stocking in young tree plantations to a prescribed level consistent with the Forest Land Management Plan guidelines. Plantations occur in all land allocations. More specifically, the purpose of these projects is to maintain optimal growth and/or to encourage species and spacing diversity in existing managed stands. Slash generated during precommercial thinning would also be treated by chipping, piling, and/or burning in order to reduce existing and created fuel hazards. In total, approximately 2000 acres of young plantations would be thinned. Slash disposal may occur (dependant on funding and the amount of slash created) on approximately 6000 additional acres. These projects would occur over a 5 to 10 year time period.

Location: District-wide.

Public Input: The scoping period began with the mailing of the October 2001 Schedule of Proposed Actions.

Status: Biological Evaluations are being written.

Projected Decision Date: March 2002 – Decision Memo.

Contact Person: Ron Campbell/Sherri Chambers

Stand Improvement Projects

21 Whitecap Soil Decompaction Study – Control of Competing Vegetation

Proposal: The purpose and need for this project is to complete a study that assesses the effectiveness of different methods of soil decompaction done in conjunction with the Whitecap Timber Sale. As part of the decompaction study, there is a need to control competing vegetation using herbicides (approved through the mediated agreement) to better assess the effectiveness of the soil treatments on the establishment and growth of planted conifer seedlings. The proposal is to hand spray Glyphosate (Roundup Original®) to control competing vegetation (woody stemmed species) on approximately 8 acres of land where soil was decompacted in the year 2000. Label specifications of the herbicide will be followed. One treatment per year would occur for two years.

Location: Portions of three units (1, 4a, and 8b) within the Whitecap Timber Sale would be treated. The legal description is T27S, R1W, Sec. 18, 19, and 20.

Public Input: Scoping began with the mailing of the January 2001 Schedule of Proposed Actions.

Status: The Environmental Assessment is available for 30-day public comment. The comment period closes on January 28, 2002.

Projected Decision Date: February 2002 – Decision Notice.

Contact Person: Barbara Fontaine

Projects Dropped from Consideration

None at this time.

Projects with Decisions Made During the Previous Quarter

9 Wolf Creek Job Corps Center Improvements

Proposal: The proposal is to build a new water treatment plant, 102-person capacity dormitory, and dining hall to replace outdated buildings that do not currently meet State Standards and/or are in violation of Fire and Life Safety Codes. Old structures would be demolished and the debris would be hauled off site and/or recycled where feasible. Utilities associated with these buildings would be upgraded to current standards.

Location: The project is located at the Wolf Creek Job Corps Center, T27S, R02W, Sec. 9.

Public Input: The scoping period began with the mailing of the July 2000 Schedule of Proposed Actions.

Status: The 30-day Public Comment period on the Environmental Assessment ended on October 15, 2001. The project is ready to implement.

Decision Date: The Decision Notice was published on October 25, 2001. No appeals were received.

Contact Person: Debbie Anderson

23 Grandad Remote Automatic Weather Station (RAWS) Maintenance and Fence Construction

Proposal: The proposal is to remove encroaching vegetation by cutting 35 conifers that are between 8 and 15 inches in diameter, that are interfering with 20 foot wind speed observations at the Grandad Butte Weather Station. Approximately 200 additional small conifer trees that are between ½ inch and 8 inches in diameter would be removed that also interfere with wind speed readings, or will do so in the near future. All trees would be felled with chainsaws. Trees 8-15 inches would be felled and left. Trees under 8 inches would be lopped, scattered, and/or chipped. All other whip-sized trees would be left where felled. Lopped material or chips would be scattered away from the RAWS station. The project would also construct an 8-foot high fence around the RAWS station. The fence would be approximately 15 feet by 15 feet in length and would enclose the RAWS station and an adjacent area of approximately 225 square feet. The fence would help eliminate vandalism of the weather station and prevent big game from damaging sensitive weather instruments. The entire project area is approximately 0.75 acres in size. The Grandad facility is an existing facility. This project would be considered as routine maintenance of an existing development under the Standards and Guidelines for Late Successional Reserves.

Location: T25S, R2E, Sec. 9. Forest Road 3850-100.

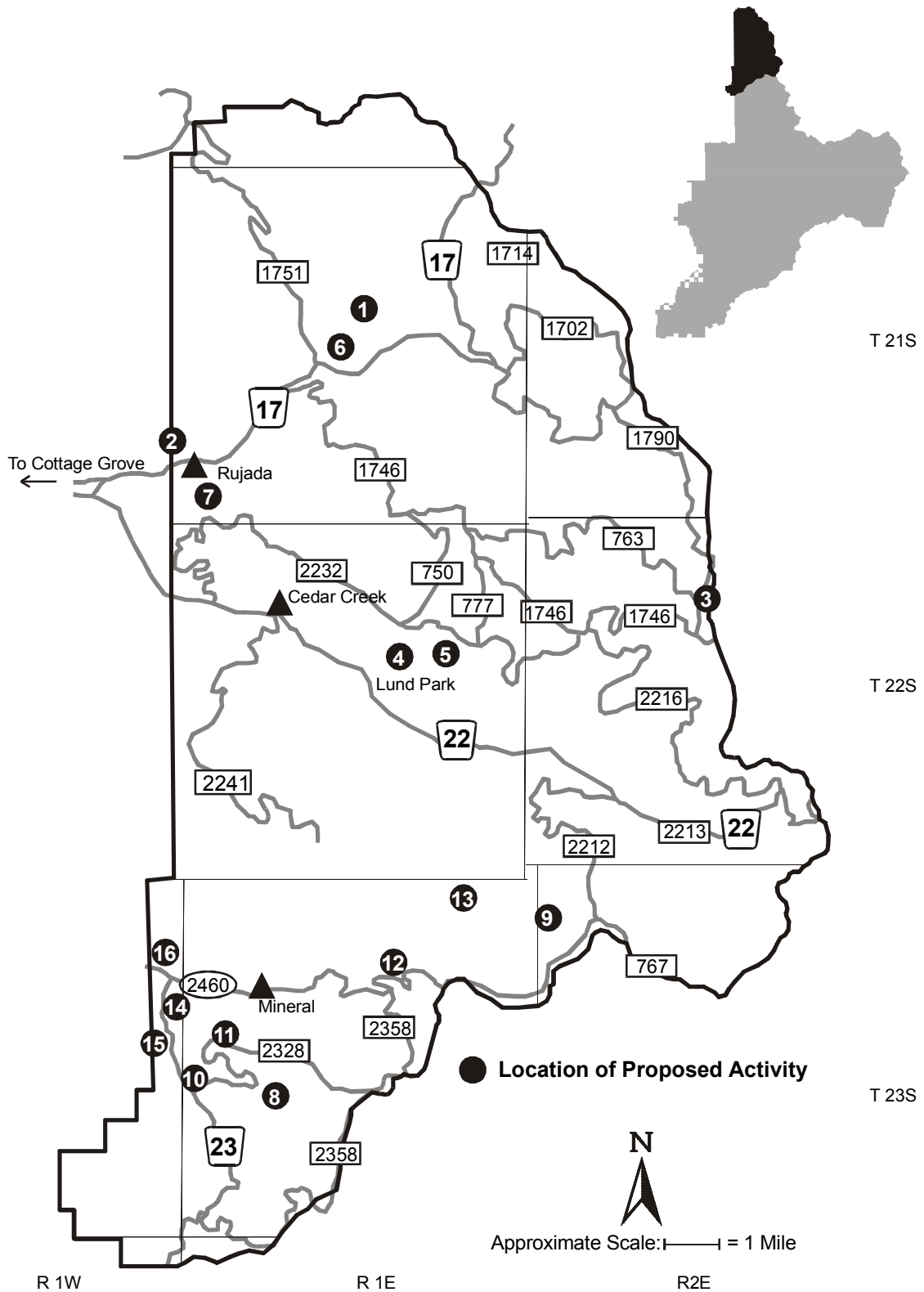
Public Input: Scoping began with the mailing of the April 2001 Schedule of Proposed Actions.

Status: The project is ready to implement.

Decision Date: The Decision Memo was signed on October 15, 2001.

Contact Person: Dick Kreger

Cottage Grove Ranger District



COTTAGE GROVE RANGER DISTRICT

Timber Stand Management Projects

1 Herman Thin Timber Sale

Proposal: To conduct commercial thinning (an intermediate harvest) on approximately 400 acres of overstocked timber stands. These stands will be prioritized for treatment based on conventional methods of estimating density. Timber stand exam information such as number of trees per acre, diameter increment growth, tree heights and diameters, and live crown ratios will be used in assessing tree growth compared to the site potential. Harvest treatments will consist of commercial thinning of 35-55 year old Douglas-fir stands in the following drainages: Herman Creek, East Fork Junetta and Lower Junetta Creek, and Mid Layng East drainage.

Location: Layng Creek Watershed. T20S, R1E, Sec. 33; T21S, R1E Sec. 3, 4, 8, 9, 10, 11, 15, 16, 21, and 22. The project is located within matrix and riparian reserve land allocations.

Public Input: Scoping began in January 1999. Input is being accepted on this project.

Status: Analysis is ongoing. Environmental effects are being documented. An environmental document is being prepared for public review prior to a decision.

Projected Decision Date: February, 2002

Contact Person: Susan Johnson (541) 767-5044

Watershed Restoration and Improvement Projects

2 Layng Creek Instream Structure Removal Project

Proposal: To remove, or modify three concrete dams within the Layng Creek Watershed no longer needed for the City of Cottage Grove's municipal watershed operations. Two of these dams (Rujada and Dinner) were at one time used for the City of Cottage Grove's municipal watershed. The City has not used these dams for many years and has determined that they are no longer needed. The East Fork Prather Dam was built by the Forest Service. It has been breached and is no longer needed. In addition, four instream cement structures used to pool water for water drafting purposes will be removed or modified. These structures were created, primarily, for support of fire suppression operations. These structures are no longer needed. The purpose of this project is to restore habitat connectivity for aquatic species, sediment regimes within the streams, and the physical integrity of the stream channels.

Location: Layng Creek Watershed. Rujada Dam is in Layng Creek at the Rujada Campground, T21S, R1E, Sec. 31; Dinner Dam is within Dinner Creek, T21S, R1E, Sec. 29; and East Fork Prather Dam is within an eastern tributary to Prather Creek, T21S, R1, Sec. 30. The project is located in riparian reserve land allocations

Public Input: Scoping began in March 1999. Input is being accepted on this project.

Status: Analysis is ongoing. Alternatives to the Proposed Action are being developed by the Interdisciplinary Team.

Projected Decision Date: April, 2002

Contact Person: Laurie Bernstein (541) 767-5041

3 Holland Mosaic (Management ignited prescribed burn)

Proposal: To utilize management ignited prescribed fire to burn approximately 153 acres of brush fields and understory vegetation in Holland Meadows. The purpose of this project is to reintroduce fire to the ecosystem, in order to release native plant seed banks, increase vigor of native plants, reduce non-native plant populations, enhance wildlife habitat, and slow tree and shrub encroachment within identified areas.

Location: Layng Creek and Brice Creek Watersheds. Holland Meadows, T22S, R2E, Sec. 16. Project is located within a matrix land allocation.

Public Input: Scoping began in April 1998. Input is still being accepted on this project.

Status: Analysis is continuing. Environmental effects are being documented.

Projected Decision Date: April, 2002

Contact Person: Bev Reed (541) 767-5023

4 Precommercial Thinning 2002

Proposal: Conduct pre-commercial thinning on 342 acres. The project areas were original planted between 13 and 20 years ago. The purpose of the treatment is to distribute the growth potential of the site to the most vigorous growing trees by reducing stocking levels to a prescribed level consistent with the Forest Land and Resource Management Plan guidelines.

Location: Districtwide. Project is located within matrix and riparian reserve land allocations.

Public Input: Scoping began in October 2001. Input is still being accepted on this project.

Status: The project is currently under review by District Staff specialists. Issues associated with the project are being identified.

Projected Decision Date: July 2002.
Contact Person: Paul Higgins, (541) 767-5043

5 Unique Site Restoration

Proposal: Restore unique habitat sites damaged by vehicles and past management practices. Activities include obliterating skid roads, removing unwanted vegetation, restoring native plants and other site improvement activities.

Location: Districtwide. Fifty sites have been identified in potential need of restoration. Project is located within matrix and riparian reserve land allocations.

Public Input: Scoping began in October 2001. Input is still being accepted on this project.

Status: The project proposal has been developed. Sites are being reviewed, mapped and evaluated for restoration.

Project Decision Date: September, 2002.

Contact Person: Rob Cox, (541) 767-5042

6 Layng Creek Snag Enhancement Project

Proposal: To girdle approximately 9-30 trees per acre in previously harvested 40-55 year old stands in order to create snags for wildlife habitat. Trees selected for girdling would be co-dominate or dominate Douglas-fir trees. Up to 650 acres may be treated.

Location: Layng Creek Watershed. T21S, R1E, Sec. 2, 3, 4, 7, 9, 10, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16, 21, 22, 24, and 25. This project is located within riparian reserve land allocations.

Public Input: Scoping began in October 2001. Input is being accepted on this project.

Status: Environmental effects are being documented. Analysis is continuing.

Projected Decision Date: April, 2002

Contact Person: Rob Cox (541) 767-5042

Facilities – Repair and Development

7 Rujada Campground Vegetation Management Project

Proposal: To apply a density management treatment by removing specific trees within Rujada Campground, create 2-6 new campsites, redesign several existing camp sites to accommodate RV users, plant trees and shrubs, and remove hazardous trees and/or limbs. The purpose of this project is to promote a healthy timber stand within the campground, reduce insect and disease susceptibility, promote species and structural diversity, retain or enhance existing campsite characteristics, reduce potential hazards to users, and enhance recreational experiences.

Location: Layng Creek Watershed. Rujada Campground, T21S, R1E, Sec. 31. Project is located within a riparian reserve.

Public Input: Scoping began in March 1999. Input is being accepted on this project.

Status: Analysis is ongoing. An environmental document is being prepared.

Projected Decision Date: March, 2002

Contact Person: Cindy Pack (541) 767-5015

MINING PROJECTS

8 Star Group Lode Claims

Proposal: To conduct tunneling in one lode claim and mineral exploration in two claims, and to process the mined ore.

Location: Sharps Creek Watershed, T23S, R1E, Sections 21 & 22. Project is located within matrix and riparian reserve lands.

Public Input: Scoping began in January, 2001. Input is being accepted on this project.

Status: Proposed Plan of Operation has been submitted. An analysis of the proposal is being conducted. An environmental document is being prepared for public review prior to a decision.

Project Decision Date: March, 2001

Contact Person: Ken Kimberling (541) 767-5010

9 Champion Mine Pond Repair Project

Proposal: To replace a culvert and repair a failed section of the pond embankment using rip rap material.

Location: Brice Creek Watershed, T 22 S.; R 01 E; Sec 12. Project is located within a riparian reserve.

Public Input: Scoping began in July 2001. Input is being accepted for this project.

Status: Resource information is being collected for the analysis of this project.

Project Decision Date: June, 2002

Contact Person: Ken Kimberling (541) 767-5010

10 Climax I, II, III Placer Claims

Proposal: To conduct dredging and sluicing operations in Puddin Rock Creek.

Location: Sharps Creek watershed; T23S, R1E, Sec. 19. Project is within a riparian reserve.

Public Input: Input is being accepted on this project.

Status: Proposed Plan of Operation has been submitted. An interdisciplinary team has been selected and an environmental analysis has been initiated.

Project Decision Date: April, 2002

Contact Person: Ken Kimberling (541) 767-5010

11 Birds Nest Lode Claims

Proposal: To conduct tunneling and exploration in one lode claim, and to process the mined ore.

Location: Sharps Creek watershed: T23S, R1E, Sec. 17 and 20. Project is located within matrix and riparian reserve lands.

Public Input: Input is being accepted on this project

Status: Proposed Plan of Operation has been submitted. An interdisciplinary team has been selected and an environmental analysis has been initiated.

Project Decision Date: April, 2002

Contact Person: Ken Kimberling (541) 767-5010

12 Three Brothers Lode Claim

Proposal: To conduct tunneling in one lode claim. Ore will be processed off site.

Location: Sharps Creek Wartershed: T23S, R1E, Sec. 10. Project is located within matrix lands.

Public Input: Input is being accepted on this project.

Status: Proposed Plan of Operation has been submitted. An interdisciplinary has been selected and field analysis has been completed.

Project Decision Date: March, 2002

Contact Person: Ken Kimberling (541) 767-5010

13 Utopia Lode Claim

Proposal: To conduct tunneling of one lode claim. Ore will be processed off site.

Location: Brice Creek Watershed: T22S, R1E, Sec. 34. Project is located within matrix lands.

Public Input: Input is being accepted on this project

Status: A Plan of Operation has been submitted. An interdisciplinary team has been selected.

Project Decision Date: March, 2002

Contact Person: Ken Kimberling (541) 767-5010

14 Norseman Placer Claim

Proposal: To conduct dredging and sluicing operation in Martin Creek.

Location: Sharps Creek Wartershed: T23S, R1W, Sec. 12. Project is within matrix and riparian reserve land.

Public Input: Input is being accepted on this project.

Status: A Plan of Operation has been submitted. An environmental analysis will be conducted.

Project Decision Date: April, 2002.

Contact Person: Ken Kimberling (541) 767-5010

15 Eagle 1 Placer Claim

Proposal: To conduct dredging and sluicing operation in Clark Creek.

Location: Sharps Creek Wartershed: T23S, R1W, Sec. 13. Project is within matrix and riparian reserve land.

Public Input: Input is being accepted on this project.

Status: A Plan of Operation has been submitted. An environmental analysis will be conducted.

Project Decision Date: April, 2002

Contact Person: Ken Kimberling (541) 767-5010

16 Christo Countessa Placer

Proposal: To conduct dredging and sluicing operation in Sharps Creek.

Location: Sharps Creek Wartershed: T23S, R1W, Sec. 12. Project is within matrix and riparian reserve land.

Public Input: Input is being accepted on this project.

Status: A Plan of Operation has been submitted. An environmental analysis will be conducted.

Project Decision Date: April, 2002

Contact Person: Ken Kimberling (541) 767-5010

PROJECTS WITH DECISIONS IN THE PREVIOUS QUARTER

Layng Creek Riparian Restoration Project

Proposal: To restore approximately 2.5 acres of riparian vegetation in two locations that have been degraded from stockpiled gravel, debris slide material, and the creation of roadbeds. This area would be planted with native seed species, trees, shrubs, and grasses. Purchased trees, shrubs, and grasses would come from required seed zones; others would be collected and transplanted from within the drainage and appropriate elevation bands. Coarse wood, currently stockpiled on the Ranger District, would be moved to the site. Additionally, there would be treatment to control noxious and non-native plant species by hand pulling and grubbing. Mechanical equipment would be used to contour the debris material that has been mounded on site, and also used to distribute coarse wood over the area. A culvert located on the access road would be removed, and the drainage restored.

Location: The stockpile area on the southside of Layng Creek. Layng Creek Watershed. T21S, R1E, Sec. 20 and 23. This project is located within a riparian reserve land allocation.

Public Input: Scoping began in October, 2001.

Status: Analysis is completed. Project has been implemented.

Decision Date: October 15, 2001.

Contact Person: Rob Cox (541) 767-5042

PROJECTS REMOVED FROM THE PREVIOUS QUARTER SOPA

Wyatt Timber Sale

Proposal: A new Proposed Action is being developed for this project. This new Proposed Action will incorporate information gathered from the recently completed Survey and Manage Species surveys.

Location: Brice Creek Watershed.

Public Input: Scoping will begin when a Proposed Action is developed and the project analysis begins.

Status: Analysis has not been initiated.

Projected Decision Date: Unknown at this time.

Contact Person: Wayne Kleckner (541) 767-5060

Northnoon Timber Sale

Proposal: A new Proposed Action is being developed for this project. This new Proposed Action will incorporate information gathered from the recently completed Survey and Manage Species surveys.

Location: Brice Creek Watershed.

Public Input: Scoping will begin when a Proposed Action is developed and the project analysis are initiated.

Status: Analysis has not been initiated.

Projected Decision Date: Unknown at this time.

Contact Person: Terry Fairbanks (541) 767-5040

Dry Meadows FY2001 (Management ignited prescribed burn)

Proposal: New Proposed Actions are being developed.

Location: Brice Creek Watershed and Layng Creek Watershed

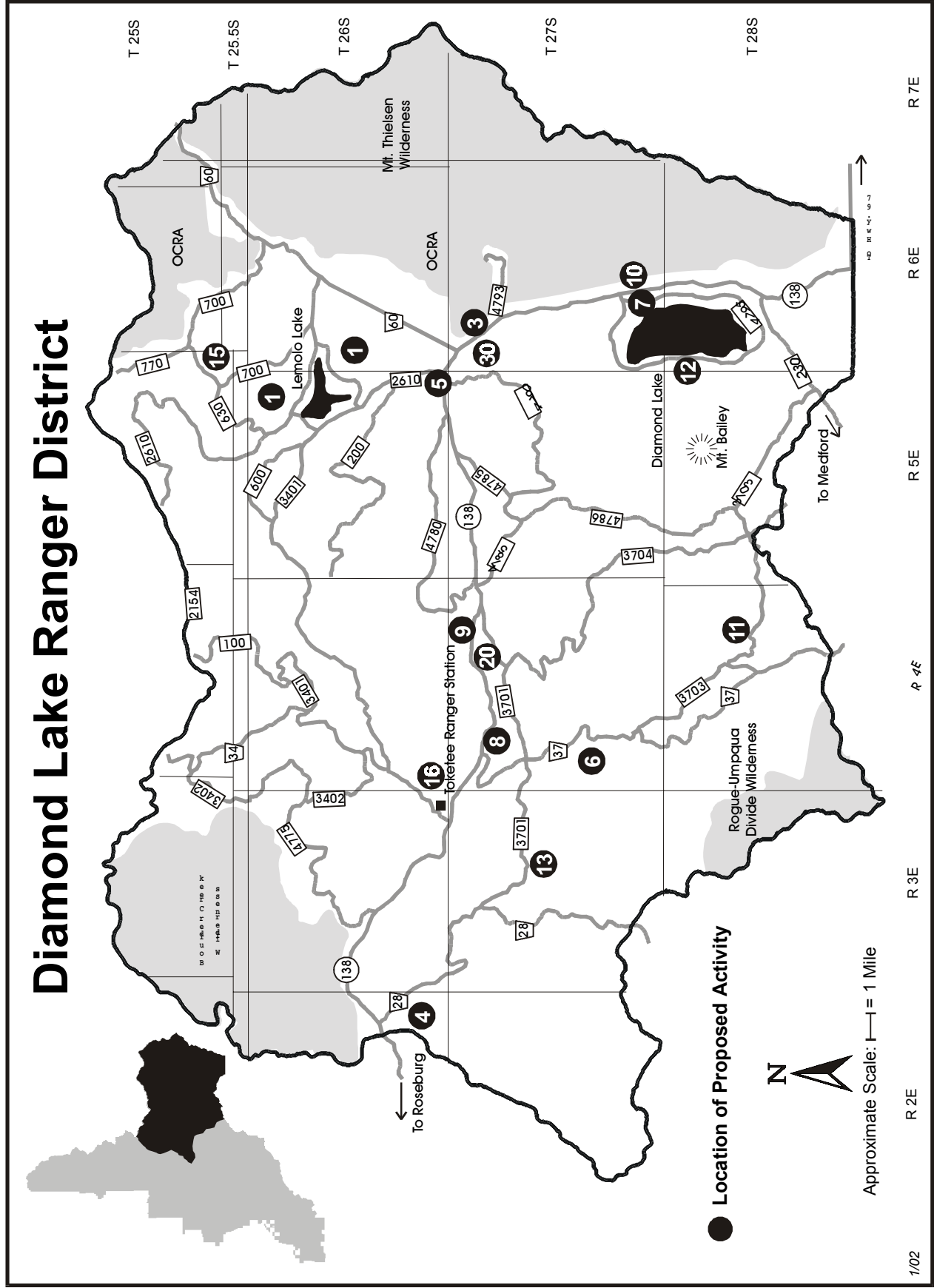
Public Input: Scoping will begin when new Proposed Actions are developed, and the project analyses are initiated.

Status: Analyses have not been initiated.

Projected Decision Date: Unknown at this time.

Contact Person: Bev Reed (541) 767-5023

Diamond Lake Ranger District



DIAMOND LAKE RANGER DISTRICT

Timber Management and Special Forest Products

1 Lemolo Watershed Projects EIS

Purpose and Need: This project would implement recommendations from the Diamond Lake/Lemolo Lake Watershed Analysis. Specifically, this project proposes to approximate natural disturbance processes such as large scale disturbance (stand replacement fire), light ground fires and insect attacks, and localized natural disturbances caused by small lightning fires, insects, and root disease, through even and uneven aged silvicultural prescriptions, while meeting Forest Plan probable sale quantity objectives for matrix lands. Additional projects are designed to improve water quality through road reconstruction, road decommissioning and rehabilitation of soils through subsoiling; reduce fire hazard by reintroducing fire into the ecosystem; improve long term site productivity of managed stands that have been adversely affected by past management practices, through subsoiling of main skid trails and temporary haul roads; and provide for special forest products (posts, poles, and house logs).

Proposal: The proposal includes the following activities:

- 468 acres of regeneration harvest;
- 926 acres of commercial thinning;
- 259 acres of uneven aged management prescriptions;
- 5 timber sales are planned to be sold in 2002 & 2003;
- 515 acres of natural fuel treatment (underburn);
- 5.4 miles of new system road construction;
- 3.5 miles of temporary road construction and subsequent obliteration;
- 12 miles of road decommissioning;
- 30.5 miles of road reconstruction;
- 2 acres of permanent helicopter landing construction;
- 91 acres of subsoiling within existing plantations.

Location: T25S, R5.5E and R6E; T25.5S, R5.5E and R6E; T26S, R5E, R5.5E, and R6E; T27S, R5E, R5.5E, and R6E; T28S, R5.5E.

Public Input: The scoping period began with the mailing of the April 1999 Schedule of Proposed Actions. An open house was held at the Roseburg Library and a field trip was held in June of 1999.

Status: Addressing comments on the DEIS.

Projected Decision Date: April 2002-Record of Decision.

Contact Person: Pat Williams

3 Electric Salvage

Purpose and Need: The purpose and need for this project is to recover wood fiber from previously felled hazard trees along Pacific Power Powerlines, to reduce the fire hazard along the highway corridor, keep the powerline right-of-way free of obstructions, and maintain visual quality objectives.

Proposal: This project would recover approximately 209 CCF (hundred cubic feet) [80 MBF] of wood fiber from an estimated 46 acres in four units. No standing trees would be felled unless additional hazard trees are found prior to or during harvest activities. Proposed harvest method would be a combination of log loader and skidder. Slash would be treated by lopping and scattering, or handpiled and burned. Areas of disturbed soil would be returned to previous contours and revegetated if needed in order to maintain visual quality objectives. No harvest is planned in riparian areas. No new road construction or reconstruction would be required.

Location: T27S, R5½ E; T28S, R5½E.

Public Input: The scoping period began with the mailing of the July 1999 Schedule of Proposed Actions.

Status: Comment period planned in October.

Projected Decision Date: January 2002-Decision Notice.

Contact Person: Steve Nelson

6 Fish Creek Watershed Projects

Purpose and Need: This project would implement recommendations from the Fish Creek Watershed Analysis. Specifically, this project proposes to approximate natural disturbance processes such as large scale disturbance (stand

replacement fire), light ground fires and insect attacks, and localized natural disturbances caused by small lightning fires, insects, and root disease, through even and uneven aged silvicultural prescriptions, while meeting Forest Plan probable sale quantity objectives for matrix lands. Additional projects are designed to improve water quality through road reconstruction, road decommissioning, rehabilitation of soils through subsoiling, spring rehabilitation, trailhead relocation, in-stream wood placement; reduce fire hazard by reintroducing fire into the ecosystem; improve long term site productivity of managed stands that have been adversely affected by past management practices, through subsoiling of main skid trails and temporary haul roads; precommercial thin overstocked managed stands to improve health and vigor; and wildlife enhancement projects.

Proposal: The proposal includes the following activities:

- 422 acres of regeneration harvest;
- 834 acres of commercial thinning;
- 145 acres of uneven aged management prescriptions;
- 5 timber sales are planned to be sold in 2002 and 2003;
- 700 acres of natural fuel treatment (underburn);
- 3.5 miles of temporary road construction and subsequent obliteration;
- 35.2 miles of road decommissioning;
- 61 miles of road reconstruction/maintenance;
- 12 acres of permanent helicopter landing construction;
- Relocation of three trail heads;
- Wildlife enhancement projects;
- Rock source development;
- Spring rehabilitation;
- 1130 acres of subsoiling within existing plantations;
- 2644 acres of precommercial thinning;
- 8 miles of in-stream wood placement;

Location: T26S, R3E; T27S, R3E, R4E, and R5E; T28S, R3E, R4E, and R5E

Public Input: The scoping period began with the mailing of the April 2001 Schedule of Proposed Actions and the publishing of the Notice of Intent in the Federal Register. An open house was held at the Douglas County Library on May 9th, 2001 and a field trip was held on June 9th 2001.

Status: Alternative Development.

Projected Decision Date: April 2003 - Record of Decision.

Contact Person: Pat Williams

20 Long Term Soil Productivity Projects

Purpose and Need #1: The purpose of the following proposed actions is to provide the opportunity to study and evaluate how changes in site organic matter and soil porosity affect fundamental site processes controlling forest health, productivity, and sustainability, as outlined in the National Long-term Soil Productivity Study (LTSP) Plan. The Upper Clearwater Watershed Analysis, page 127, recommended “The Long Term Soil Productivity Study should continue to be funded and implemented on the District in order to learn more about the effects of compaction on site productivity.”

Proposal: The proposal includes the following activities:

- Replace plots 3, 15, and 16;
- Increase plot buffer size to a minimum of 20 meters and recruit snags for wildlife;
- Maintain complete and continuous vegetation control until crown closure on half of each study plot;

Purpose and Need #2: The purpose of the following proposed actions are to provide the opportunity to study and evaluate the effectiveness of restoration techniques on detrimentally impacted soils, as defined in the Soil Organic Amendment Restoration Study (SOAR) Plan.

Proposal: The proposal includes the following activities:

- Implement and monitor the study treatments based on the study design;
- Subsoil for compaction, land apply a Class A biosolid and chipped slash for soil conditioning, and reforest the study plots with a mixture of Douglas-fir and ponderosa pine;

Location: T27S, R4E, Sections 3, 7, 9, 10.

Public Input: The scoping period began with the mailing of the January 2001 Schedule of Proposed Actions. **Status:** Alternative development.

Projected Decision Date: April 2002, Decision Notice.

Contact Person: Jim Archuleta or Rick Abbott

Facilities – Repair and Development

5 Windigo Cabin

Proposal: The Cascade Connection Snowmobile Club of Roseburg has proposed to construct a winter shelter in the vicinity of Windigo Snowpark (the junction of Hwy 138 and FS Road 60). The structure will be a single-story log cabin style shelter with wood stove. The shelter will provide an overnight facility for winter recreationists. A FS pit toilet is already in place. Scheduled for construction in the summer of 2002.

Location: T26S, R5.5E, Sec.6.

Public Input: The scoping period began with the mailing of the April 1999 Schedule of Proposed Action.

Status: Addressing comments from 30 day comment period.

Projected Decision Date: June 2002-Decision Notice

Contact Person: Terry Klingenberg

8 Watson Falls Trail Reconstruction

Proposal: Reconstruction of the Watson Falls Trail is necessary to provide user safety, stability of the trail tread, and protection of the site. Upgrading of the Watson Falls Rest Area has increased use of the Watson Falls Trail. Replacement of deteriorated railing on the bridge is needed for user safety. Installation of railing is necessary to prevent people from cutting across switchbacks, thereby damaging soil and vegetation. Trail tread will be stabilized, smoothed out, and widened to specification as needed.

Location: T27S, R4E, Sec.6.

Public Input: The scoping period began with the mailing of the April 1999 Schedule of Proposed Action.

Status: Analysis proceeding. Scoping has revealed no extraordinary circumstances.

Projected Decision Date: January 2002 – Decision Memo.

Contact Person: Mike Kinney

9 Whitehorse Falls Campground Reconstruction

Proposal: Proposed project is to reconstruct the Whitehorse Falls Viewpoint as part of the Rogue- Umpqua Scenic Byway enhancement project. Proposed project is within the current developed recreation site. Proposed improvements to the day use area are paved entrance road and parking, accessible trail and toilet, picnic tables, viewing platform and interpretive signage.

Location: T26S, R4E, Sec.2.

Public Input: The scoping period began with the mailing of the April 1999 Schedule of Proposed Actions.

Status: Analysis proceeding. Scoping has revealed no extraordinary circumstances.

Projected Decision Date: 2002 – Decision Memo.

Contact Person: John Wallig

10 Diamond Lake-Mt. Bailey Viewpoint Construction

Proposal: Proposed project is to construct a viewpoint off of State Hwy 138 of Diamond Lake and Mt. Bailey as part of the Rogue-Umpqua Scenic Byway enhancement project. The proposed development area is approximately 5 acres. Construction would include an access road, parking, accessible toilet, picnic tables, and interpretive signage.

Location: T28S, R5.5E, Sec. 32.

Public Input: The scoping period began with the mailing of the April 1999 Schedule of Proposed Action

Status: Scoping.

Projected Decision Date: March 2002 – Decision Notice.

Contact Person: John Wallig

Campground Toilet Replacement

Proposal: The purpose and need for this project is to provide accessible and more sanitary vault toilets in public campgrounds. The proposal is to remove existing old and inadequate vault toilets in campgrounds and replace them with new accessible vault toilets. Approximately six toilet buildings are planned, depending on funding.

Location: District-wide.

Public Input: The scoping period began with the mailing of the July 2000 Schedule of Proposed Actions.

Status: Analysis proceeding. Scoping has revealed no extraordinary circumstances.

Projected Decision Date: June 2002-Decision Memo.

Contact Person: John Wallig

15 Diamond Drive Reconstruction (formerly West Cascade Exploration Route Link)

Purpose and Need: This project would provide a safe, scenic route from Oakridge to Highway 138 for passenger cars, bicycles, and RV's that would meet the criteria for designation as a Scenic Byway. The byway would expand recreational driving opportunities and tourism within the concept of a scenic "less than 65 mph" route from Estacada to Ashland.

Proposal: Convert single lane routes (portions of roads 2154, 6000-770 and 6000-700) on the Willamette and Umpqua National Forests to double lane paved. Complete geotechnical investigation, design, construction, striping, and traffic control devices. Existing partnerships between the Forest Service, Oregon Department of Transportation and Federal Highway Administration are coordinating and funding completion of gateway and information portals at Estacada, McKenzie Ranger Station, Blue River and Westfir.

Location: Willamette side – T24S, R5E, Sec. 21,22,26,27,35, & 36. T25S, R5E, Sec. 1,12, & 13. T25S, R5 1/2E, Sec. 4,5,9,10,15,16, & 17.

Umpqua side – T25S, R5E, Sec. 13,24,25,36, & 35.

T25 1/2S, R5E, Sec. 36. T26S, R5E, Sec. 1. T26S, R6E, Sec. 6,7,8, & 17.

Public Input: The scoping period began with the mailing of the April 2001 Schedule of Proposed Actions.

Status: Scoping.

Projected Decision Date: June 2002 – Decision Notice.

Contact Person: Steve Nelson or Keith Bond

7 Boat Ramp Extensions

Proposal: The proposed project is to extend the C and M Loop boat ramps in Diamond Lake Campground. The existing ramps are too short to accommodate many boat trailers and often trailer wheels drop off the end of the ramp. The project would extend the 2 boat ramps in Diamond Lake Campground eight feet each by adding 2 four feet pre-cast concrete sections to each ramp. Very little ground disturbance is anticipated. The proposed completion date is June 2003.

Location: T28S, R5.51/2E, Sec.9 &16.

Public Input: The scoping period begins with the mailing of the October 2001 Schedule of Proposed Actions. **Status:** Proposed Action

Projected Decision Date: June 2002, Decision Memo.

Contact Person: John Wallig.

Special Use Permits

12 Diamond Lake Summer Homes

Proposal: Project is within the Diamond Lake Summer Home Tract for activities requested by permit holders for construction projects within their permit area. Requested projects are typically additions to existing cabins, construction of storage sheds, less than 130 square feet, and repair of septic or water systems.

Location: T28S, R5E, Sec. 1 and 12.

Public Input: The scoping period began with the mailing of the January 2000 Schedule of Proposed Actions.

Status: The project is in the developmental stage.

Projected Decision Date: 2002-Decision Memo.

Contact Person: John Wallig

13 Ramcell Communications Sites

Proposal: Proposed project is in response to a permit request from Ramcell Communications to construct and install two communication sites. The purpose of the proposed project is for Ramcell to provide cellular communications along State Hwy 138 where cellular service does not currently exist. The proposed communication sites would include a tower, equipment building, power supply, and security fence. Proposed sites are approximately 1/8 acre each. One site is located along an existing roadway and the second site is approximately 350 feet beyond an existing road.

Location: T26S, R1E Sec 7 and 8; T26S, R3E, Sec. 34 and 35; T26S, R3E, Sec. 26.

Public Input: The scoping period began with the mailing of the April 1999 Schedule of Proposed Actions.

Status: 30 day comment to begin late January.

Projected Decision Date: March 2002-Decision Notice.

Contact Person: Pat Williams

30 ODOT Storage Tank

Proposal: The purpose and need for the project is for storage of road de-icing compound at the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) Lemolo Maintenance Station. The compound is to be used for winter highway maintenance. The proposal is to construct a pad and spill containment area for a 6000-gallon tank for the storage of magnesium chloride de-icing solution. **Location:** T26S, R5½E Sec. 36.

Public Input: The scoping period began with the mailing of the July 2000 Schedule of Proposed Actions.

Status: Proposed action.

Projected Decision Date: On hold.

Contact Person: John Wallig

33 Kelsay Point Red Cinder Pit Use

Proposal: The allow removal of 6000 to 7000 cubic yards of red cinders from the Kelsay Point Red Cinder Pit by the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) for winter use as sanding material on State Hwys. 97, 138, & 230.

Location: Kelsay Point Red Cinder Pit; T26S, R6E, Sec.21, W.M.

Public Input: The scoping period begins with the mailing of the October 2001 Schedule of Proposed Action. ODOT's request was received in July of 2000. Input is being accepted for this project.

Status: Ready to sign.

Projected Decision Date: January 2002-Decision Memo.

Contact Person: Mark Tacheny

Watershed Restoration and Improvement

16 Toketee/Bull Hazardous Fuels

Purpose and Need: Reduce the fire hazard and create defensible space around structures in the Toketee Administrative Site, Toketee Campground, Clearwater Village and Lemolo #2; restore components and processes of the historic fire regime to some portions of the planning area.

Proposal: Use a combination of handpile and burning, removing hazardous fuels, and underburn up to 1500 acres within the planning area.

Location: T26S, R3E, Sec. 13, 25, 35, and 36.

Public Input: Scoping began with the mailing of the October 1999 Schedule of Proposed Actions

Status: Almost ready for 30 day comment period.

Projected Decision Date: April 2002- Decision Notice.

Contact Person: Jill Napper

23 Lemolo 2 Canal Roads

Proposal: This project will upgrade drainage and stabilize fillslopes on roads 3400.078, 3400.077, 3400.072, and 2610.000. This project is necessary to reduce the likelihood of damage to the Lemolo 2 Canal. The project will repair or replace culverts, install gabions, lower fill heights, install riprap, and install erosion control matting. Reduced sediment production and transport will be an additional benefit.

Location: T25S, R5E, Sec. 31-33; T25S, R4E, Sec. 36; T25.5S, R4E, Sec. 36.

Public Input: The scoping period began with the mailing of the April 1999 Schedule of Proposed Actions.

Status: Reinstated, analysis proceeding.

Projected Decision Date: April 2002, Decision Memo

Contact Person: Mike Kinney

21 Spring Fire Reforestation

Purpose and Need: Recent stocking surveys show that reforestation is not occurring naturally within the area of stand replacement fire inside LSR-222 caused by the Spring Fire of 1996. These areas are mostly void of seed sources and are defined as artificial reforestation priority 1 in the South Cascades Late Successional Reserve Assessment. In order to accelerate late successional habitat, protect site quality, and reduce soil erosion within the LSR, reforestation is necessary.

Proposal: The District proposes to artificially restock this area with native tree species, using both hand seeding and planting techniques, according to the Regional Ecosystem Office exemption criteria for reforestation.

Location: T26S, R3E.

Public Input: Scoping began with the mailing of the April 2001 Schedule of Proposed Actions.

Status: Dropped due to OSHA concerns.

Contact Person: Rick Abbott

Wildlife Habitat Improvement Projects for 2002

Proposal : Several small mitigation and habitat enhancement projects are proposed within the District. Proposed treatment include forage seeding or plantings to improve big game habitat conditions, wildlife nesting or denning structure creation, road closures, mechanical weed treatment, mechanical regeneration of browse species, wetland enhancements and restoration, removal of old fencing, conifer control in meadows, and a water development. Other actions include the application of State of Oregon approved biological controls to Thorn Prairie to combat St. Johnswort, and the development of wildlife interpretive signs along the Dellenback Bike Trail.

Location : Multiple locations across the Diamond Lake District.

Public Input : The scoping period begins with the mailing of the October 2001 Schedule of Proposed Actions.

Status : Proposed Action

Projected Decision Date: May 2002, Decision Memo

Contact Person: Jeff Bohler

11 Skookum Bog Restoration Project

Purpose and Need: The Alkali Cattle Allotment administered by the Rogue/Siskiyou Forest currently has cattle on the Diamond Lake RD that are negatively impacting a unique Sphagnum bog ecosystem at the headwaters of Skookum creek. Excluding the cattle from the area along with restoring the native plant community is necessary to conserve the unique area.

Proposal: Fence the entire area where the plant Sphagnum is the dominant vegetation. If deemed necessary restore through propagation the Sphagnum and other native plants growing on site.

Location: T 28S R 4E Section 11

Public Input: The scoping period begins with the mailing of the October 2001 Schedule of Proposed Actions.

Status: Proposed action.

Projected Decision Date: June 2002 – Decision Memo.

Contact Person: Clint Emerson

4 Rush Skeleton Weed Removal

Purpose and Need: Rush Skeleton Weed (*Chondrila juncea*), a high priority noxious weed on the Umpqua National Forest, has infested a 30 acre plantation in the Copeland Creek watershed. This species has high potential to rapidly spread throughout other nearby ecosystems like Oak Flats.

Proposal: The proposal is to interplant the plantation with quick growing, densely canopied trees which in theory will shade out the Rush Skeleton Weed over time. In addition it is proposed to decommission the last .7 miles of the 700 rd. and the 720 rd. that acted as logging operation roads in the 30 acre unit.

Proposal: Location: T 26S R 2E section 24

Public Input: The scoping period began with the mailing of the October 2001 Schedule of Proposed Actions.

Status: Proposed Action.

Projected Decision Date: June 2002 – Decision Memo.

Contact Person: Clint Emerson

Diamond Lake Ranger District Precommercial Thinning and White Pine Pruning

Proposal: This project will precommercial thin approximately 4927 acres of overstocked managed stands in matrix lands and 638 acres within the late successional reserve allocation in Copeland Creek over the next five years. It will prune western white pine over 200 acres of managed stands to reduce the risk of white pine blister rust.

Location: District wide.

Public Input: The scoping period began with the mailing of the January 2002 Schedule of Proposed Actions. **Status:** Scoping

Projected Decision Date: April 2002 – Decision Memo.

Contact Person: Randy Menke

Projects with Decisions Made During the Previous Quarter

2 T-Line Salvage

Proposal: Salvage of 371 CCF (about 185 MBF) of blown down trees on 26 acres was approved in a Decision Memo for a Categorical Exclusion on September 17, 1998. This timber has been auctioned and awarded in two separate timber sales: T-Line Salvage and Pigout. A recent court ruling invalidated the category (FSH 1909.15, Chapter 30, Category 4 of Section 31.2) which covered this decision, therefore an Environmental Assessment will be prepared for the proposed action. The salvage harvest does not involve any road construction or re-construction. Helicopter and skyline logging are proposed.

Location: T26S, R5E.

Public Input: The scoping period began with the mailing of the January 2000 Schedule of Proposed Actions. **Status:** Decision notice signed October 23, 2001. Appeal period over.

Contact Person: Steve Nelson

District Commercial Christmas Tree/Boughs

Proposal: Harvest and sale of Christmas trees/boughs will occur over 21 acres of managed plantations within matrix lands prior to precommercial thinning in the fall of 2001. Trees to be harvested are in excess of managed crop trees within the plantations.

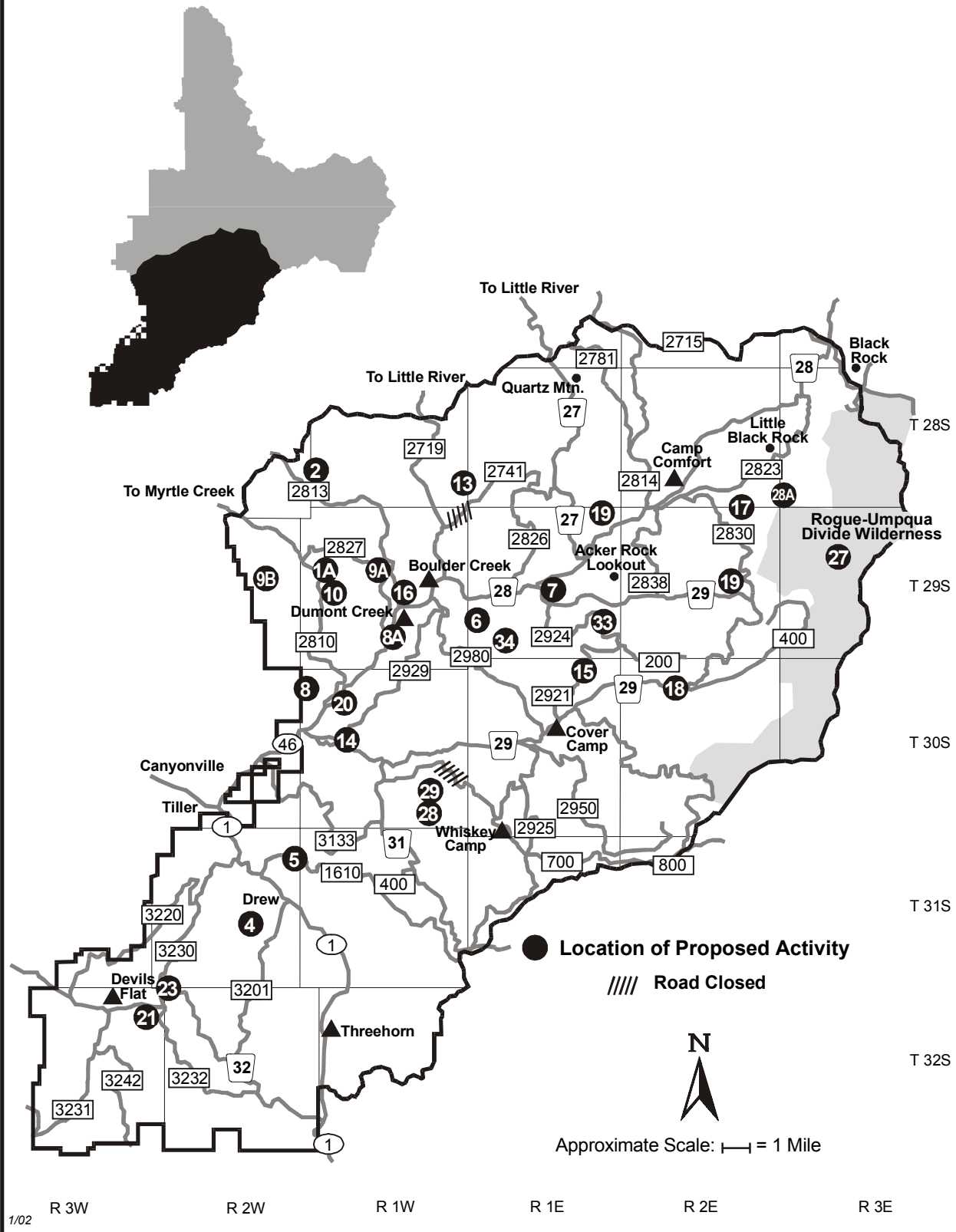
Location: T27S, R4E, S23; T25S, R3E, S23.

Public Input: The scoping period begins with the mailing of the October 2001 Schedule of Proposed Actions.

Status: Decision memo signed October 16, 2001.

Contact Person: Randy Menke

Tiller Ranger District



TILLER RANGER DISTRICT

Watershed Restoration

1A Dumont Creek Forest Road 2827-500 Uplands

Proposed Action: Improve hydrologic function of area by treating ground impacts from past logging and other forest management activities. Treatments include fixing damaged pond outlets, correcting stream diversions, and subsoiling compacted skidroads.

Location: This project area is situated in T. 29S, R. 1W, Sec. 9, W.M.

Public Input: Scoping began in 1996.

Status: Analysis completed and awaiting decision.

Projected Decision Date: February 2002

Contact Person: Wes Yamamoto

2 Podunk Pond Wetland Restoration

Proposed Action: Restore approximately 1 acre of ash (hardwoods) wetlands through drainage and reconfiguration of the pond bottom. Includes the removal of the non-native fish and non-native invasive weeds.

Location: T. 28S, R. 1W, Sec. 30

Public Input: Scoping to begin in 2002

Status: Analysis proceeding.

Projected Decision Date: September 2002

Contact: Kris Rutledge

Range

3 Range Permit Reissuance

Proposed Action: Reissue term grazing permits reducing allowable cow/calf pairs from 670 to 216 on the three grazing allotments of Drew Creek, Diamond Rock, and Divide.

Location: These allotments are on the south end of the District.

Public Input: Scoping began August 1996.

Status: Public comment period ended July 9, 2001. Currently responding to public comments.

Projected Decision Date: April 2002

Contact Person: Wes Yamamoto

Vegetation Management

5 Summit Timber Sale

Proposed Action: Commercial thin 823 acres utilizing group selection, thinning around large pines to maintain their health, and salvage treatments on Matrix land allocations. Fuels created by the treatments will be hand piled or the area underburned. In addition, prescribed burning is proposed for 112 acres of Matrix and Riparian Reserve land allocations on dry meadows and oak woodlands to maintain habitat diversity.

Under this proposal there would be 0.85 miles of road construction, 0.70 miles of reconstruction, 32.02 miles of road upgrades, 8.89 miles of road inactivation, and 2.85 miles of road obliteration.

Location: T. 30S, R. 2W; T. 31S, R. 2W; and T. 31S, R. 1W.

Public Input: The scoping period began with the mailing of the October 1997 Schedule of Proposed Actions.

Status: Consultation complete. Needs more red tree vole survey work.

Projected Decision Date: Pending Rothstein II decision.

Contact Person: Alan Baumann

6 Zinc Timber Sale

Proposed Action: Commercial thin 465 acres on Matrix and Riparian Reserve land allocations using understory removal, thinning around large pines to maintain their health, and regeneration treatments. Fuels created by the treatments will be hand piled or the area underburned. Under this proposal there would be 0.48 miles of non-system road constructed and

then obliterated after use, 1.15 miles reconstructed and obliterated after use, an additional 0.63 miles of road would be obliterated, 2.3 miles of road inactivated, and 17.62 miles of road drainage upgrades.

Location: T. 29S, R. 1W and T. 29S, R. 1E.

Public Input: The scoping period began with the mailing of the October 1997 Schedule of Proposed Actions. The 30-day comment period ended August 31, 1999.

Status: Consultation complete. Needs more red tree vole survey work.

Projected Decision Date: Pending Rothstein II decision.

Contact Person: Alan Baumann

7 Bucky Timber Sale

Proposed Action: Manage 281 acres of Matrix land allocation in the Bucky Planning Area using activities such as commercial thinning and thinning around large pines to maintain their health, road construction, road obliteration, road drainage upgrades, road inactivation and closure, timber stand improvement activities such as precommercial thinning of plantations, and noxious weed treatment. Activities are in support of the Buckeye/Zinc Watershed Analysis.

Location: Buckeye Creek drainage of the South Umpqua River. The area overlaps portions or all of T. 29S, R. 1E, Sec 13-15, and 22; and T. 29S, R. 2E, Sec 8, 17, and 18.

Public Input: Public involvement with this proposed action started with the October 1997 Schedule of Proposed Actions.

Status: Consultation complete. Needs more red tree vole survey work.

Projected Decision Date: Pending Rothstein II decision.

Contact: Alan Baumann

8 Spam Timber Sale

Proposed Action: Harvest timber on 312 acres in the Spam Planning Area using partial cutting methods to meet ecological and pine health objectives. Fuels created by the treatments would be hand piled or the area underburned. In addition, prescribed burning would occur on approximately 20 acres of an oak woodland/meadow complex to maintain habitat diversity.

Other associated activities would include the expansion of an existing rock quarry, reconstruction/upgrade of 20.43 miles of system roads, 0.73 miles of road inactivation, and 2.07 miles of road obliteration.

These activities would occur on Matrix land, with no vegetation manipulation in Riparian Reserves.

Location: T. 29S and T. 30S, R. 1W and R. 2W.

Public Input: Scoping began with the mailing of the October 1997 Schedule of Proposed Action.

Status: Public comment period ended August 31, 1999.

Projected Decision Date: Pending Rothstein II decision.

Contact Person: Alan Baumann

8A Middle South Umpqua Vegetation Management

Proposed Action: Manage Ash Creek and Collins Planning Areas based on the objectives and desired future condition discussed in the Middle South Umpqua Landscape Analysis and Design. Activities such as timber harvest, timber stand improvement activities such as precommercial thinning of plantations, prescribed fire and fuels hazard reduction, road construction, road decommissioning, road drainage upgrades, road inactivation and closure, and noxious weed treatments.

Location: Ash Creek Planning Area is located in the Ash Creek drainage and a portion of Zinc Creek Facial. The area overlaps portions or all of T. 28S, R. 1E, Sec 27-29, 32-34, W.M.; T. 29S, R. 1E, Sec 3-9, 16-18, W.M., and T. 29S, R. 1W, Sec. 13 and 14, W.M.

Collins Planning Area is located in Francis Facial drainage. The area overlaps portions or all of T. 29S, R. 1W, Sec. 26, 27, 33-35, W.M.; and T. 30S, R. 1W, Sec 2-5, 7-11, and 17-18, W.M.

Public Input: Proposed Action will be available to the public by

Status: Scoping

Projected Decision Date: December 2002

Contact Person: Don Morrison

9A & 9B Off-site Pine Plantation Stand Management and Restoration Project

Proposed Action: Develop and restore native plant communities now occupied by approximately 460 acres off-site pine plantations. Vegetation management treatment activities such as variable-density thinning and removal of some dominant off-site ponderosa pine for density control, stand structure development, and stand composition management are focused to decrease non-native plants and to increase stand heterogeneity. Underplanting of shade-tolerant species may also occur.

Location: T. 29S, R. 1W, Sec. 20, 26, 30, 32, 33, 34; T. 29S, R. 2W, Sec. 13.

Public Input: Scoping begins with the publishing of the January 2002 Schedule of Proposed Actions.

Status: Scoping

Projected Decision Date: June 30, 2002

Contact: Chris Rusch

10 2002-2012 Timber Stand Improvement (TSI)

Proposed Action: A long-term program of work to improve the health and sustainability of young stands. Proposed treatments will include early stand thinning, vegetation competition release, and pruning. These TSI treatments would occur on approximately 9,000 acres of 10 to 18 year old stands over a 10-year period. The proposed TSI treatments will be scheduled as the treatment areas reach optimum conditions in terms of tree size and stand density.

Location: Throughout the South Umpqua River watershed on Late-Successional Reserves, Riparian Reserves, and Matrix land allocations.

Public Input: The scoping period will begin with the January 2002 Schedule of Proposed Actions.

Status: Analysis on-going; consultation packet to be submitted February 1, 2002.

Projected Decision Date: April 30, 2002.

Contact Person: Pauline Montgomery-Borg

ERFO Projects

18 Jackson Creek Road Right-of- Way Wood Projects

Proposed Action: These projects capture an opportunity to utilize decked logs from a road relocation project to enhance fish habitat, improve conditions in the Riparian Reserves of Jackson Creek, and provide commercial timber to the local community. The proposal is to offer approximately 125 MBF for sale, stockpile the 55 MBF of trees or tree segments with rootwads attached for use in instream fish habitat structures within the Middle South Umpqua or Jackson Creek 5th field watersheds, and scatter approximately 50 MBF along the obliterated 1.59-mile segment of road along Jackson Creek to meet coarse woody debris recommendations in the Jackson Creek Watershed Analysis. The logs for commercial timber sale may need to be moved to a temporary decking location if they are not sold prior to the completion of the contract for the Jackson Creek Road Relocation project.

Location: The decked logs are located along Forest Road 2900 in T. 30 S, R. 2 E, Sec. 4 and 5; and T. 29S, R. 2E, Sec. 31, 32, and 33, W.M. The project area is within the Upper Jackson Facial 6th field subwatershed within the Jackson Creek 5th field watershed.

Public Input: Scoping began in February 2001.

Status: Comment period complete; analysis proceeding.

Projected Decision Date: April 2001

Contact Person: Kathy Minor

Bridge Repair

19 Quartz Creek Bridge Repair

Proposed Action: Repair a bridge approach road fill being washed out by high water.

Location: T. 29S, R. 2E, Sec. 1.

Public Input: Scoping began October 1999; submitted for Consultation

Status: Scoping

Projected Decision Date: March 2002

Contact Person: Dean Kenyon

Water Transmission Lines

20 Freeman Water Transmission Line

Proposed Action: Evaluation of an application by a private landowner to transport water from National Forest System lands to private property.

Location: T. 30S, R. 1W, Sec. 4.

Public Input: Scoping began October 1999.

Status: Scoping

Projected Decision Date: March 2002

Contact Person: Russ Groves

Private Road Access

21 Kirby Road Proposal

Proposed Action: Evaluation of a proposal by a private landowner to construct approximately three hundred feet of road across National Forest System land to access private property.

Location: T. 32S, R. 3W, Sec. 15.

Public Input: Scoping began June 1999.

Status: Submit for consultation February 2002.

Projected Decision Date: May 2002

Contact Person: Dean Kenyon

Mining

23 Red Hill Mine

Proposed Action: Evaluation of the Plan of Operations submitted by the claimant for Red Hill Mine.

Location: T. 32S, R. 2W.

Public Input: Scoping began March 1998.

Status: Finalizing the E.A.

Projected Decision Date: May 2002

Contact Person: Russ Groves

Trails

28 Beaver Creek and Bunchgrass Trail Restoration

Proposed Action: Relocate portions of both the Beaver Creek and Bunchgrass Trails as follows:

- Relocate Beaver Creek Trail #1426 to the north and east side of Beaver Creek, thus eliminating four creek crossings of Beaver Creek.
- Eliminate $\frac{1}{4}$ to $\frac{1}{2}$ mile of storm-damaged flooded trail along Beaver Creek in the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 3 and the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sec 34;
 - Eliminate those sections of both the Beaver Creek Trail and the Bunchgrass Trail that are on private property; and
 - Relocate the lower section of the Bunchgrass Trail #1575 that has excessive grades of over 25% on steep, unstable, and slumped out soils.

Location: T. 30S, R. 1W, Sec. 34, and T. 31S, R. 1W, Sec. 2.

Public Input: Scoping began October 1998. Public comment period began December 23, 2001.

Status: Public comment period ends January 21, 2002.

Projected Decision Date: February 2002

Contact Person: Lori Depew

28A Rogue-Umpqua Divide Wilderness Trail Access Reconstruction

Proposal: The proposal involves brining ten trailheads up to standard by adding primitive toilets, information board/registration boxes, new trail signs, picnic tables, and horse facilities, such as hitching posts or high lines, as well as defining and improving parking and turnarounds for horse trailers. Trail segments from these trailheads leading into the wilderness will also be brought up to standard to eliminate erosion and resource damage.

Location: T. 28, 29, 30S, R. 2, 3, 4E

Public Input: Scoping began July 2001

Status: Scoping

Projected Decision Date: May 2003

Contact Person: Lori Depew

Prescribed Burning

29 North Beaver Prescribed Burn Plan

Proposed Action: Reintroduce fire by prescribed underburning of approximately 200-300 acres. This would decrease fuel loading and kill understory trees and brush that would normally be killed and/or burned during naturally occurring wildfires. Some individual areas proposed for treatment have high fuel loading and ladder fuels such that pretreatment by manual slashing, handpiling, and burning is necessary to prevent the underburns from being excessively hot and destructive. The underburning will kill some standing green trees, a result consistent with natural fire processes. In some areas of heavy reproduction, this may necessitate another pile and burn treatment to further reduce fuel loading.

Location: T. 30S and T. 31S, R. 1W and 1E, within the Beaver Creek drainage North of Beaver Creek.

Public Input: Scoping began August 1997.

Status: Final surveys for red tree voles and mollusks needed Spring 2002.

Projected Decision Date: October 2002

Contact Person: Emily Sands

Projects with Decisions Made During the Previous Quarter

27 Removal of Aircraft Wreckage from Fish Lake in the Rogue-Umpqua Divide Wilderness

Proposed Action: Remove wreckage from a small plane, which sank in Fish Lake in 1949.

Location: T. 29S, R. 3E, Sec. 5 and 6.

Public Input: Scoping began with mailing of July 1999 Schedule of Proposed Actions. 45-day appeal date ended November 4, 2001. Two appeals were received.

Status: Permit application by Douglas County Museum approved. Decision Notice signed September 13, 2001. Appeal period closed November 4, 2001. Appeal dispositions are pending.

Contact Person: Lori Depew

14 Road Damage Repair/ Road 29, MP 5.6

Proposed Action: Repair a site on Jackson Creek road damaged by a storm event in 1999.

Location: T. 30S, R. 1W, Sec. 23.

Public Input: Scoping began October 1999.

Status: Scoping.

Projected Decision Date: November 2001

Contact Person: Russ Groves

15 Road Damage Repair/ Road 2924, MP 1.0

Proposed Action: Repair a site on Two Mile road damaged by a storm event in 1999.

Location: T. 29S, R. 1E, Sec 36.

Public Input: Scoping began October 1999.

Status: Scoping.

Projected Decision Date: November 2001

Contact Person: Russ Groves

16 Road Damage Repair/ Road 2813-100, MP 2.65

Proposed Action: Repair a site on a spur road off the Dumont Road damaged by a storm event in 1999.

Location: T. 29S, R. 1W, Sec. 23.

Public Input: Scoping began October 1999.

Status: Scoping

Projected Decision Date: November 2001

Contact Person: Russ Groves

17 Road Damage Repair/ Road 2830, MP 3.1

Proposed Action: Repair a site on the Rocky Ridge road damaged by storm events in 1999.

Location: T. 28S, R. 2E, Sec. 35.

Public Input: Scoping began October 1999.

Status: Scoping

Projected Decision Date: November 2001

Contact Person: Russ Groves

33 Buckeye Remote Automatic Weather Station (RAWS) Maintenance

Proposed Action:

- Remove 35 to 40 conifers between 6 and 19 inches in diameter that are interfering with a weather station location that measures accurate wind speed observations.
- Slash from the treatment is to be piled on site and the piles burned at a later date. Trees that can be felled to an old landing or road will be used at a later date for firewood.
- The project also will remove vegetation (up to 3 more conifers between 3 and 10 inches in diameter) on a native surface non-system road spur leading into the site.
Vegetation encroachment on the site makes weather station, relied upon for accurate information for emergency fire response, unusable.

Location: T. 29S, R. 1E, Sec. 24, W.M. Forest Road 2924-411.

Public Input: Scoping began April 2001

Status: Project had Categorical Exclusion; Decision Memo signed 2001.

Contact Person: Paul Czemerys

34 South Umpqua Experimental Forest Weir Maintenance

Proposed Action: Clean out sediment from two of four existing instream weirs in the South Umpqua Experimental Forest. Sediment will be removed from catch basins in Watershed #1 and #2 using a small excavator or other similar equipment, loaded into a dump truck, and hauled approximately 1 mile to an existing quarry (Weir #231203) where material will be spread across the floor of a quarry. The estimated quantity of sediment is approximately 10 dump truck trips to the quarry. Weir cleanout would occur during low flow, instream work period between July 1st and September 15th. Water will be routed around the weir sites while the cleanout operation is being implemented.

Location: The two weir sites are located in T. 29S, R. 1E, Sec. 28 SW 1/4, W.M.

Public Input: Scoping began in April 2001.

Status: Decision Notice signed. Appeal period closed November 4, 2001.

Contact Person: Kathy Minor